

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-first Annual Session
OF THE
ALABAMA
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Sandy Ridge Church
SANDY RIDGE

Lowndes County, Alabama

October 12, 13, and 14, 1900

OFFICERS

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The next session will be held with Union Church, Honoraville
Crenshaw County, Ala., beginning Friday before the
second Sunday in October, 1901. Introductory

Sermon by Eld. T. E. Morgan; alternate

Eld. W. H. Cheatham. Missionary

Sermon by Eld. W. C. Avant

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH., 11 A. M.

MORNING SESSION.

The messengers from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association met with Sandy Ridge church, Lowndes county, Alabama.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J C Fonville, and the introductory sermon preached by Rev. T J Porter.

Adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. S J Williamson— the letters from the churches were read and names of messengers enrolled as follows, viz:—

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—*J T Helms,*William Baily, J F Sims.

Siloam—*J H Killough, *L H Helms, J M Russell, S A Pickett.

Damascus—*J F Barrett, Joseph Kierce, W J Audress, D C Roach.

Chapple Hill—J M Cook, G W Lee, *R N Dobbs, T W Dobbs, T T Dobbs.

Pigeon Creek—*H Morgan, *J E Helms, J T Morgan, L A Kelley.

Spring Hill—D A Craig, Lewis Lowery, W J Hinson.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Union—*T E Massey, Walter Graydon, T E Morgan, John Courtney.

Spring Creek—J H Stinger, *J B Sexton, T L Bowden, J A Thornton.

Panola—E A Myers, L F Gregory, T A Duffell, *J C Boen.

New Ebenezer—Thomas Duffell, E L Adams, *B W Addison.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Bradleyton—J M Carter, *T J Thrower; J E Richardson.

Mountain Hill—Not represented.

Hickory Grove—L D Barfield, J P Morrison, J C Fonville.

Sandy Ridge—E M Andress, F E May.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—*M A Powell, W M Grant, *J M Dickinson, Walter Reef, S C Merritt.

Good Hope—Not represented.

Indian Creek—Dan Harrison, J A Harrison, *C N Dickens, J M Reese, J F Rodgers, Joseph Buckhaults.

Antioch—E D Stuckey, N F Perry, *I E Ward, Joseph Day.

Gravel Hill—*W F Herndon, Jno. A Rhodes, J W Henderson.

ORGANIZATION.

Hon. J C Fonville, Moderator.

Eld. C C Lloyd, Clerk.

W P McQueen, Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Rev. T J Porter and Bro. W Hawkins, from the Montgomery, and Rev. S J Williamson, from the Conecuh Associations, were cordially received and invited to seats with us.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT PRESENT SESSION.

On Nominations and Religious Exercises—T S Sanford, Chairman.

On Documents and State of Religion—J F Sims, Chairman.

On Finance—L D Barfield, J M Carter, G A Morrison.

On Time and Place—T E Morgan, T S Sanford.

On Schools and Colleges—T T Dobbs, Jno. A Rhodes.

On Bible Cause and Religious Literature—C H Morgan, J C Routen.

On Temperance—E M Andress, W H Cheatham.

On Obituaries—T E Morgan, R L Poole, J B Wilson.

On Sunday Schools—J M Dickinson, W P McQueen.

On Ministerial Education—C C Lloyd, M F Williams.

On Orphans Home—T S Sanford, J F Sims, S F Andress.

On Home and Foreign Missions—W C Avant, Dr. Rushton.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 tomorrow.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises by Bro. Carter. Bro. Carter read report on Home and Foreign Missions—Discussed by brethren Bowden, Grant, Sims, Dobbs, Kierce, Fonville, Williamson, Lloyd, Carter and others.—Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS BY BRO. J M CARTER.

Be it Resolved, "That the respective messengers from the different churches be hereby appointed committees who shall upon reaching their homes make an active canvass and secure pledges from each member of their church for missions, the same to be paid quarterly to the chairman of the Executive Board."—Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m., Prayer by Bro. Kierce. The report on schools and Colleges was read by the Clerk, spoken to by brethren Porter, Dobbs, Sanford, Fonville and others.—Adopted.

Report on Bible Cause and Religious Literature was read by the Moderator. After discussion by J C Fonville and others.—Adopted.

CHURCH PLEDGES FOR MISSIONS.

Rutledge.....\$ 5.00	Hickory Grove.....\$20.00
Siloam.10.00	Sandy Ridge.....5.00
Damascus.....5.00	Steep Creek.....5.00
Pigeon Creek.....5.00	Indian Creek.....6.00
Spring Hill.2.50	Antioch.....5.00
Union.....10.00	Gravel Hill.....5.00
Panola.....5.00	T T Dobbs.....5.00
New Ebenezer... ..5.00	J D Massey.....1.50
Bradleyton.....10.00	T L Bowen.....1.00

J A Thornton, \$1.00. (Paid).

Bro. Lloyd read the Report on Ministerial Education, spoken to by brethren Morgan, Carter, Rhodes, Porter and others.—Adopted.

The Clerk read Report on Obituaries.—Adopted.

Bro. Sanford read the report on Orphans Home.—Adopted.

Cash collection for Orphans Home, \$9.85.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 tomorrow.—Benediction by Bro. Sanford.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

8:30 a. m., Prayer by Bro. J M Cook. Report on Documents and State of Religion was read by Bro. J F Sims.—Adopted.

Bro. E. M. Andress read the report on Temperance—After discussion by brethren Williamson, J M Cook, Sanford, Carter and others.—Adopted.

Report of Executive Board was read by Bro. Morgan.—Adopted.

Moved that Bro. Lloyd be paid \$15.00 for past services two years ago.—Adopted.

Report of Bro. McQueen on Sunday Schools was read by the Moderator.—After remarks by brethren Carter, C H Morgan, Porter, Kierce and others.—Adopted.

Resolved, "That the Executive Board of this Association consult the State Board of Missions with full discretion to act in reference to Missionary work."

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. J F Sims. Alternate, Eld. T E Morgan.

Amount of individual pledges made by this body to aid in buying a home for Eld. W C Avant, \$82.00.

Moved that Bro. Sims be paid by this Association \$25.00 to defray expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.—Carried.

Delegates to the State Convention at Talladega, Nov. 13.—C C Lloyd, T E Morgan, T S Sanford, J F Sims, W C Avant, W H Dean, C H Morgan, O C Roach, J N Cook, L D Barfield, S A Pickett, Joseph Kierce, J M Carter, Walter Reef.

Missionary sermon by Bro. T J Porter at 11 a. m.

Cash collection, Sunday, for Missions, \$10.72.

Cash collection for Bro. J E Reeves, \$15.05

Clerk directed to correct Finance Report and fill statistical table.

Clerk to be paid \$10.00 for his services

RESOLUTION BY BRO. SIMS.

Resolved, "That the thanks of the Association be tendered the brethren and sisters of Sandy Ridge church and the citizens of the community for their cordial hospitality."

Adopted by rising vote.

Adjourned to meet next year with Union church, Honorville, Ala. The parting hand was given. Hymn, "God be with you," etc.

Benediction by Bro. Morgan.

C C LLOYD,

CLERK.

J C FONVILLE,

MODERATOR.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

State, Home and Foreign Missions—C C Lloyd, C H Morgan, Joseph Kierce.

Schools and Colleges—J F Sims, J E Helms, J M Cook.

Bible Cause and Religious Literature—W C Avant, J M Carter, I E Ward.

Temperance—T T Dobbs, E L Adams, T E Massey.

Sunday Schools—T E Morgan, Zeb Kierce, Joseph Buckhaults, W P McQueen, J M Russell.

Obituaries—T S Sanford, R T Poole, D A Craig.

Ministerial Education—W H Cheatham, Geo. S. Vickery, L D Bartfield.

Documents and State of Religion—W H Dean, John Sexton, Thomas Duffell.

Orphans Home—S W Andress, J G Thomas, Walter Relfe.

♦ REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS. ♦

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee beg leave to make their report:

For the want of means we have done nothing this last Association year. We recommend that Bro. Lloyd be paid the sum of \$15.00 for services rendered two years ago and for which he has received no compensation.

Respectfully submitted,

W P McQUEEN, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee beg leave to say that first of all the Bible should be earnestly and persistently read by all who profess the name of Christ. It is the word of God that is truth without any mixture of error, and is able to make us wise unto salvation. It is God's holy will revealed to man, signed, witnessed and sealed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ His Son.

We further recommend that we take and read our denominational papers and get the best literature for our children in Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

C H MORGAN, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

At our next session to be held with Union church, Honoraville, Crenshaw county, Eld. T E Morgan will preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. W H Cheatham, Alternate. Missionary sermon by Eld. W C Avant, Eld. J F Sims, Alternate.

T S SANFORD, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee would state first that we mourn and are exceedingly sorrowful as we stand with bowed heads and aching hearts, and contemplate the death of seventeen (17) of our members. On the other hand we rejoice and are exceedingly glad when we reflect that we have been and are still the happy recipients of so many of God's rich blessings. We find that there has been only 74 baptisms against 118 last year. Brethren let us be faithful to our Master and he will take care of the balance.

Respectfully submitted,

J F SIMS, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME.

When Mrs. Woodson, in November 1890, made known to the Baptist State Convention her intention to give all her real estate, estimated at \$30,000, for the maintenance of a home for Baptist Orphans, the initial step was taken.

The Home was located at Evergreen, January 16, 1893, and on March 10th, following, in a small rented house, the Home was formally opened, with Mrs. Clara W Ansley as matron.

Later the Convention purchased eighty (80) acres of land, 30 of which is in cultivation, 30 in pasture and 20 in woodland.

Since the establishment of the Home, there have been gathered into it some 53 boys and 69 girls, and I am informed it is managed as far as possible like any well regulated family. The boys are taught to do farm work and the girls various kinds of housework.

Attendance upon church and Sunday school is required and family worship is held each day.

The time has come when the people of this beautiful southland, God's great sanitarium, must open their hearts and pocket books to take care of our orphans. Owing to the drouth the field and garden crops were badly damaged. With profound gratitude to God and sincere thanks to the generous friends for their aid, we beg leave to say we are still in need of money to meet the needs of the inmates. Your Committee would urge each church in this association to make liberal contributions to this end.

T S SANFORD, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In every phase of life and every vocation, social, moral, civil, and religious, education has long stood forth boldly asserting its claims on all classes and conditions of men. Certainly then, a recognized leader and teacher of men

should have all its possible benefits. But first he must have a spiritual education, an education directly from God, that comes through the broadening, uplifting influence of the Holy Spirit operating on the heart. Then, by all means educate that glorious material gift of God to man, the human brain. We need it as a powerful aid in commanding language and enforcing thought, thus imparting to our fellow man the great gospel truths with clearness and power.

Respectfully submitted,

C C LLOYD, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

We beg leave to introduce this subject by a reference to a statement that we are prone and seemingly proud to make, viz: "Baptists are a peculiar people." We certainly recognize, though, the importance of schools and colleges, we want them, we need them. But to be consistent, we would insist that all schools and colleges under our fostering care, teach in addition to all those literary, scientific and moral branches, also those fundamental truths that are peculiarly baptistic. Chief among which is, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

We claim to hold the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. If so we would ask in all earnestness, shall we not promulgate and defend it, by all our agencies, the pulpit, the press, our schools and colleges, yea, all our equipments for man's good and God's glory?

Emphasizing this thought we would heartily recommend the Judson Institute at Marion, our Howard, and all other educational centers, under the fostering care of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

T T DOBBS, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There are seven churches out of nineteen that report Sunday schools with 159 pupils and 36 teachers and officers. We are sorry to note a serious decline in this all important church work this Association year. If we are to derive any strength from the study of the Bible to enable us to work in the Master's vineyard, it is very important that some plan be devised by which all of our churches can be induced to engage earnestly in the Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

W P McQUEEN, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

In sadness and sorrow we have to report the death of 17 of the members of our body during the past Association year. From Rutledge we have lost sister Ella Miller; Siloam, Eld. E Kolb, brethren G T McNeil and Zen Shows;

Chapel Hill, sister Carrie Mobley, sister Eliza Searcy and S A Holliday; Indian Creek, Frances Armstrong and Asa E Hinson; Spring Creek, sister J C Lester; Steep Creek, sister Sallie Ashford; Hickory Grove, sister G S Morrison; Union, Deacon W E Wells and brother J S Lee; Antioch, sisters Sallie Thompson, Teeny Harrison and Nancy McCarty; Gravel Hill, Jno. A Owens and Eld. J A Smith; Damascus, Sister Melvina Johnson; Sandy Ridge, Deacon J E Roper and sister Lou Lassiter. We humbly submit to the will of Him who "doeth all things well," yet we can say we "mourn not as those without hope," and with God's servant of old. "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

T E MORGAN, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON HOME, STATE & FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With regret and alarm we view the rapid disappearance of that spirit of Missions that once so actuated and moved our Association as to place it abreast of the great army of evangelism. To this noble work of the past we point with pride, but when we contemplate our present passiveness—yea, utter inactivity we can but hang our heads in shame. Practically we are doing nothing for the cause of Missions. All baptists admit that the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. Is not our condition an appalling one? A change of base is absolutely essential. The old "Alabama," once the peer of the most liberal and faithful of missionary bodies is practically alligning herself with the fast disappearing Anti-Mission Baptists. Shall their fate be ours? Most assuredly unless we repent and return to our first love. We have reached a crisis. We have come to a parting of the ways. The march of retrogression must cease. We must turn about with our eyes fixed on the day star of our hopes. With our hearts full of love to God and man, let us renew our vows, dedicate anew ourselves to the cause of our Master, and invoking his aid, enter the work of the new year with the assurance of the Divine approbation. To this end we suggest that the Alabama Association once again co-operate with the Baptist State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J M CARTER, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Be ye temperate in all things," is a scriptural injunction to God's people which means a proper and legitimate use of the senses.

God in his infinite wisdom has created man with all the appetites and propensities that now belong to his na-

ture and pronounced them good. But knowing the weakness of human nature along the line of excessive indulgence He has sounded the alarm to us that we may shun this relentless evil, that would blight and destroy the sweetest hopes and prospects of man and leave him ruined on the brink of eternity. Not only is the use of intoxicating liquors an evil to which we would call your attention, but the whole train of indulgencies to which the appetite of man is addicted.

Year after year has this body been called upon to deliberate on this question and still the evil goes on. What shall we say, will it continue till all mankind is won to Christ? If so let every one interested in the salvation of souls put on the whole "Armor of God" and so work in the Master's Cause that by Him and through Him may be done that which we have striven in vain to accomplish.

Respectfully submitted,
E M ANDRE-S, CHAIRMAN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Wm. P McQueen, in account with Alabama Baptist^t Association, Oct. 6th, 1899.

To cash received from Finance Committee,	-	\$81.75.
July 28th, 1900. Received of C C Lloyd,	-	10.00

Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$91.75
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Cr. by vouchers as follows, viz:

State Mission Board,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 7.45
Home " "	-	-	-	-	-	10.41
Foreign " "	-	-	-	-	-	6.70
Associational Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	7.17
Orphans Home,	-	-	-	-	-	6.10
C C Lloyd, Minute fund,	-	-	-	-	-	22.55
Bro. J E Reeves,	-	-	-	-	-	16.75
Institute Board,	-	-	-	-	-	4.26
Cash on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	10.26

Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$91.75
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. McQUEEN, Treas.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Post Office.
W C Avant.....	Rutledge, Ala.
J F Sims.....	Rutledge, Ala.
W H Dean.....	Daisy, Ala.
W H Cheatham.....	Greenville, Ala.

C C Lloyd.....	Greenville, Ala.
T T Dobbs.....	Effort, Ala.
T E Morgan.....	Honoraville, Ala.
J G Thomas.....	Honoraville, Ala.
J T Davidson.....	Honoraville, Ala.
R T Poole.....	Surles, Ala.
S W Andress.....	Kierceton, Ala.
T S Sanford.....	Morgansville, Ala.

LICENUATES.

Geo. R Vickery.....	Coleman, Ala.
L D Barfield.....	Sellers, Ala.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

1st. District,	J M Russell,	Johnson, Ala
2nd. District,	Zeb Kierce,	Kierceton, Ala.
3rd. District,	W P McQueen,	Sandy Ridge, Ala.
4th. District,	Joseph Buckhaults,	Greenville, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

T E Morgan,	Joseph Kierce,	I E Ward,
Daniel Harrison,	S A Pickett,	J G Wells,
W P McQueen,	J M Dickinson,	J M Cook,
J B Wilson,	E M Andress,	E A Craig.

Three to make a quorum.

Declaration of Faith of Alabama Baptist Association.

Article 1. Of the Scriptures.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction (a) that it has God for its author (b) salvation for its end (c) and truth without any mixture of error for its matter (d); that it reveals principles by which God will judge us (e); and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, (f) and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried (g).

□ (a) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2 Tim. 3, 6-17. (b) For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost—2 Peter. 1—21. [c] These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name—John 20, 31. [d] For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth—Psalm, 33-4. [e] God shall judge the secrets of men according to my Gospel, Romans, 2-10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—Rev. 22-12. [f] Though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed—Gal. 1-9. [g] If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed—Gal. 1-10.

Art. 2. Of the True God.—That there is one, and only one true and living God, [a] whose name is Jehovah, [b] the maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth (c) inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love [d] revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection [e] and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. f

[a] God is one—Gal. 3-20. [b] That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth. Psalms 83-18 [c] For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible. Col.—1-16. [d] Who is like thee, glorious in holiness,

fearful in praises, doing wonders.—Ex. 15-11. [e] For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—1 John 5-7. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the God head bodily—Col. 2-9. Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God—Phil. 2-6. f] God sent his Son into the world that the world through him might be saved—John 3-17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—Cor. 15-3. And was raised again for our justification—Romans 4-25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7-25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—John 6-63.

Art. 3. Of the Fall of Man.—That man was created in a state of Holiness under the Law of his Maker, [a] but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice [b] being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions [c] and therefore under just commendation to eternal ruin, without defense and excuse. d

(a) So God created man in his own image, Gen. 1-27. God made man upright—Ec. 7-29. (b) In adam all die, 1 Cor. 15-22. There is none righteous, no, not one—Romans, 3-10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do.—John 8-44. (c) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—John 3-18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 Thes. 1-8. (d) And he was speechless—Matt. 22-12. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Romans, 1-30.

Art. 4. Of the Way of Salvation.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace [a] through the mediatorial office of the Son of God [b] who took on him our nature, yet without sin [c]; honored the law by his personal obedience, and man's atonement for our sins by his death [d] being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in Heaven [e]; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Savior [f].

[a] For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—Eph. 2-8. [b] For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ—1 Tim. 2-5. [c] For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—Heb. 2-14. And in Him is no sin—1 John 3-5. (d) The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable, Isa-42-21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son—Romans, 5-10 [e] But we see Jesus, crowned with glory and honor—Heb. 2-9. [f] For we have a High Priest that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities—Heb. 4-15. For in Him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead, Col. 2-9.

Art. 5. Of Justification.—That the great Gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him in justification [a]; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness [b]; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness [c]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity. (d.)

(a) Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Romans, 5-1. b] Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins—Acts, 10-30. He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, John, 3-36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—Romans 3-25. [c]; not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost—Titus, 3-5. d]; He that spared not his own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things. Romans, 8-32.

Art. 6. Of the Freedom of Salvation.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel (a); that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith [b]; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ [c]; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation. [d].

(a) Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else—Asa, 45-22. Whoever will, let him take the water of life freely—Rev. 22-17. [b] Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—Acts, 17-30. (c) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life, John, 5-40. [d] It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day

of judgment than for thee.—Matt. 11-24.

Art. 7. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again [a]; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is affected in a manner above our comprehension for calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel [b]; And that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God. [c]

[a] Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God—John 3-3. [b] And be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and that ye put on the new man which, after God is created in righteousness; and true holiness—Eph. 4:23-24. The wind bloweth where it listeth and you heareth the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh nor whither it goeth, so is everyone that is born of the spirit—John 3-8. Everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God—1 John 4-7. If a man love me he will keep my words John 14-23. [c] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them—Eph. 2-10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not—1 John 5-18

Art. 8. Of God's Purpose of Grace.—That elect on is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he originates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it is ascertained by its effect in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

[a] God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth 2 Thes. 2-13 [b] Therefore I enquire all things for the elect's sake that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory—2 Tim. 2-10. [c] According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame in love—Eph. 1-4. [d] And they that are with him are not called and chosen and faithful—Rev. 17-14. [e] Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?—Romans, 8-33-34. [f] Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure.—2 Peter, 1-10.

Art. 9. Of the Perseverance of the Saints.—That such only are real believers that endure unto the end; that persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

[a] Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil.—1 John 2-9-10. [b] They went out from us but they were not of us—2 John 2-19. [c] God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it—1 Cor. 10-13. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 Peter 1-5.

Art. 10. Harmony of the Law and Gospel.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral Government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability, which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man, to fulfill its precepts, arises from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to an unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

[a] Till Heaven and earth pass one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled—Matt. 5-18. [b] Wherefore the law is holy and the commandment holy, and just and good—Rom. 6-12. [c] That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit—Romans, 8-4. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, who establish the law—Romans, 3-31.

Art. 11. Of a Gospel Church.—That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word, that its only proper officers are Bishops, pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

[a] Paul a servant of Jesus Christ to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be Saints—Rom. 1-7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism

unto death—Romans, 6-4. Paul, an Apostle to the churches of Galatia—Gal 1-2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ—Gal. 3-26-27. [b] Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord—1 Cor. 3-4-5. (c) A Bishop then must be blameless—1 Tim. 3:1-7. Likewise must the deacons be grave—1 Tim. 3. 8-9-10; see also Titus 1 7 8 9. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.—1 Tim. 5 17 18 19.

Art. 12. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit (a); to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior; with its purifying power (b); that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's supper, (c) in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination (d).

(a) See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Phillip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And they went down into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch, and he baptized him—Acts 8 36 37 38. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost—Matt. 28-19. (b) Buried with him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with him, through faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.—Col. 2-12. (c) Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—John 3-5. Jesus took bread and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the Disciples—Matt. 26-26. And upon the first day of the week, when the Disciples came together to break bread—Acts 20-7. For as oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come—1 Cor. 11-26. (d) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.—Verse 28.

Art. 13. Of the Christian Sabbath.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath (a); and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations (b); by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public (c); and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God. (d)

[a] I was in the spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1-10. [b] Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—Ex. 20-8. For in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 1. [c] Upon the first day of the week when the Disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow.—Acts 2-7 [d] There remaineth, therefore, a rest unto the people of God—Heb. 4-9. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest—verse 11.

Art. 14. Of Civil Government.—That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society. (a) And that magistrates are to be prayed for (b) conscientiously honored and obeyed (c) except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ (d) who is the only Lord of the conscience and prince of the kings of the earth. (e)

[a] For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God—Rom. 13 1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good work but to evil—verse 3. [b] I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving thanks be made for all men: for kings and for all that are in authority—1 Tim. 1-2. [c] Wherefore ye must needs be subjects not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake—Romans 13-5. [d] We ought to obey God rather than men—Acts 5-29. (e) Christ is the blest and only potentate, the King of kings, the Lord of Lords.—1 Tim. 6-15.

Art. 15. Of the Righteous and the wicked.—And there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked (a); that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of God are truly righteous in his esteem (b), while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse (c); and this distinction holds among men both in a life after death (d).

(a) He that is not with me is against me—Luke, 11-23. Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his—Rom. 8-9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother—1

John 3-10. [b] To declare I say at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him who believeth in Jesus—Romans 3-26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God—1 Cor. 6-11. [c] Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish—Luke 13-3. He that believeth not is condemned already.—John 3-18. [d] He that is unjust let him be unjust still: and he that is filthy let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous let him be righteous still; and he that is holy let him be holy still—Rev. 22-11.

Art. 16. Of the World to Come.—The end of the world is approaching [a]: That at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [b]: that a solemn separation will then take place [c]: that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment; and the righteous to endless joy [d]: and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in Heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [e]

[a] But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer—1 Peter 4-7. [b] For the Lord will descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first—1 Thes. 4-16. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation—John 5-28-29. [c] And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another as the shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats—Matt 25-32. [d] And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal—Matt. 25-2. [e] and the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death—Rev. 20-13-14. Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?—Gen. 18-25.

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Churches	County	Pastor	Clerks	Clerk's Office	Increase by/decrease by					SUPERINTENDENTS NAME AND POST OFFICE.					Pr'ching Reports	Sabbath Meetings	Revivals		
					Membership last Reporteed	Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Present Membership				Officers and Teachers	Pupils
Antioch	Butler	T E Morgan	J T Day	Seavey, Ala	54	73	29	5	1	1	1	3	51				1		
Bradleyton	Cheshaw	A B McDuff	J M Carter	Better Hill	73	102	8	3	1	4	5	2	82				1		
Chapel Hill	Cheshaw	T T Dobbs	J M Cook	Effort	102	117	1		1	1		2	108	R N Hobbs,	Effort, Ala.	3	1		
Damascus	Butler	T E Morgan	Joseph Kierce	Kierceon, Ala	117	37	1	1	1			1	117				1		
Gravel Hill	Butler	8 Moore	W P Hendon	Greenville	37							2	35	Jno. A. Rhodes,	Greenville,	4	1		
Good Hope	Butler																1		
Hickory Grove	Montgomery	R H Fohmar	W P Foyville	Mt. Carmel	67	67	1	1		5	1	1	59				3		
Indian Creek	Butler	T T Dobbs	Dan Harrison	Seavey	98	98	1	1			1	2	97				4		
Mountain Hill	Cheshaw	J G Thomas	J M Stevens	Suples	30	30	5	1		8	1		29	J. B. Wilson,	Coleman, Ala.	4	1		
New Ebenezer	Cheshaw	T S Sanford	E L Adams	Highland Home	61	61	13	6					88	J. E. Helms,	Honora-ville, Ala.	2	1		
Panola	Cheshaw	T E Morgan	J H Sexton	Best	41	41				2		1	39				2		
Pigeon Creek	Butler	W H Cheatham	C F Henton	Honora-ville	40	40		2									1		
Rutledge	Cheshaw	W C Avant	J S Helms	Rutledge	127	127	17	1		1	3	1	132				1		
Silicon	Cheshaw	T T Dobbs	J B Foster	Rutledge	76	76	1	4					81				2		
Sleepy Creek	Lowndes	A B McDuff	J M Dickinson	Corrie,	79	79				1	6	3	68				1		
Spring Creek	Butler	W H Dean	J D Sexton	Ranville	22	22							20	W. T. J. Dismuke,	Edna, Ala.	3	1		
Sandy Ridge	Lowndes	T S Sanford	F E May	Pt. Deposit,	47	47				3			47	E. M. Andress,	Sandy Ridge,	1	1		
Spring Hill	Butler	J G Thomas	W H Hinson	Greenville,	78	78	8	2		1	1	2	84	J. G. Wells,	Honora-ville, Ala.	4	1		
Union	Cheshaw	T E Morgan	J W Holloway	Honora-ville													1		
TOTAL					1149	74	29		5	33	14	20	1137		536		44		

Sunday School Superintendents and their Post Office--

(Travel Hill, Jno. A Rhodes, Greenville, Ala., Pigeon Creek, J B Helms, Honora-ville, Ala. Sleepy Creek, J M Dickinson, Corrie, Ala., Union, J G Wells, Honora-ville, Ala., Panola, J B Wilson, Coleman, Ala., Chapel Hill, T N Dobbs, Effort, Ala. Again it becomes our unpleasant duty to call the attention of the church Clerks and Superintendents of Sunday Schools to the importance of sending up with their Associational letters the number of officers, teachers and pupils, with the name and Post Office of the Superintendents. Out of seven Sunday Schools reported in the letters, there is but one that has furnished this valuable statistical information, viz: T no. J B Helms of Pigeon Creek. We would suggest that just before time for the Church Cler to prepare his Associational letter, the Superintendents furnish the Clerk with a roll of officers, teachers and pupils.—(Clerk.

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CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Orphan's Home	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, etc.	Total	Value Property
Antioch			5 00			1 50			6 50	\$250
Bradleyton			12 75		75	1 50	\$150		85	400
Chapel Hill			3 30			1 50			4 80	250
Damascus						1 50			1 50	300
Gravel Hill			12 50			85			3 35	225
Good Hope										250
Hickory Grove	1 00	50	1 50	9 10	1 50	1 75		1 70	17 05	1000
Indian Creek		3 50				2 00			5 50	450
Mountain Hill										150
New Ebenezer						1 25			1 25	200
Panola				3 00		1 50			4 50	200
Pigeon Creek		1 10				1 00			2 10	200
Rutledge			1 00		50	50			82	600
Siloam	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		2 00			87	300
Steep Creek	5 00		7 50	2 50		2 00			817	750
Spring Creek				1 35		1 00			2 35	350
Sandy Ridge	50			5 00		50			86	300
Union		50	50	3 00	1 00	1 50			6 50	500
Spring Hill		6 65	1150			1 00			81	300
Cash Collection										
Orphan's Home					9 85					
J. D. Massey.										
Sunday C't'cn				2 00					10 72	
Bro. Reeves								15 75		
TOTAL	\$7.50	13 25	\$23 41 50	13 60	22 85		16 75	104.12	\$6675	

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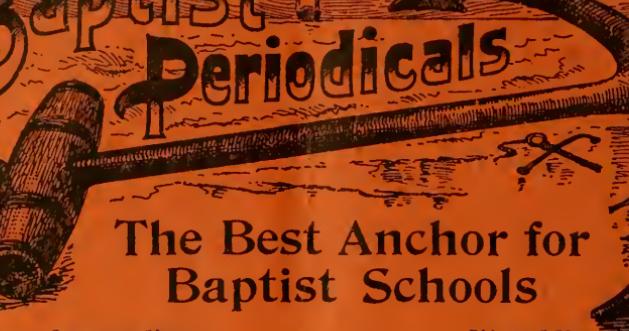
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